

REMARKS

An RCE is being filed with this amendment, following the affirmance of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on September 14, 2006. These papers are being filed within the sixty (60) day period allowed by 37 C.F.R. §1.304. *See also* MPEP §706.07(h)(XI)(A).

The examiner previously found that claims 6, 14 and 20 were directed to allowable subject matter. Independent claims 1, 9 and 15 have now been rewritten to include the subject matter of claims 6, 14 and 20, respectively. Several, but not all, features of the intervening claims have been included in the amended independent claims. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are allowable over the references of record, without reciting those features.

More specifically, claim 1 has been amended to include all of the features of claim 3, the base of claim 4 and all of the features of claim 6. Amended claim 1 does not recite the spring and guide recited in claim 4. Applicants submit that these features are not necessary for patentability over the references of record because none of the references discloses a trimmer attachment having a base which covers the stationary blade of a hair clipper in a way which avoids unintentional cutting by the hair clipper when the trimmer attachment is secured to the hair clipper, as in amended claim 1. Accordingly, allowance of amended claim 1 and its related dependent claims is respectfully requested.

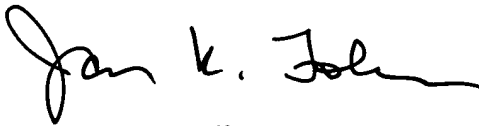
Independent claims 9 and 15 have been amended in a similar manner, and allowance of those claims and their respective dependent claims is respectfully requested.

Other claim amendments are cosmetic, and do not narrow the scope of the claims.

For the foregoing reasons, applicants believe that this case is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. The examiner should call applicants' attorney if an interview would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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